

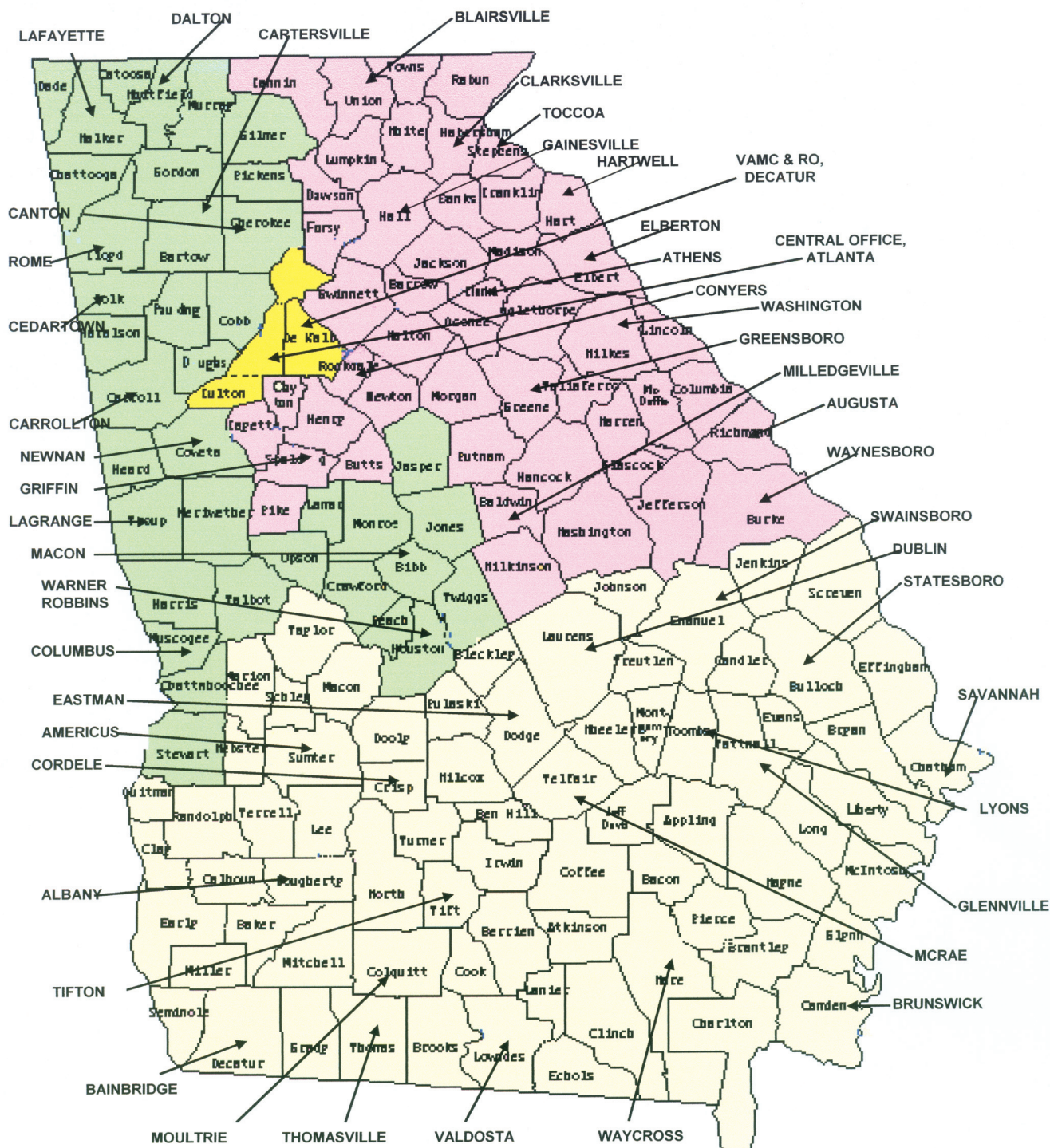
## Georgia Department of Veterans Service

*Sonny Perdue*  
Governor

*Pete Wheeler*  
*Commissioner*

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Spring 2007

# We Can Bring the VA to You!



# *Serving Those Who Served*

## **We're Ready to Assist!**

**W**hether a veteran's condition is the result of recent or long past military duties, the door remains open for him or her to seek help and submit a claim to the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs for disability compensation.

Each claim submitted is processed and answered with an explanation as to why it was or was not approved. Policies governing how a veteran's claim is processed and rules of law affecting a decision may not be fully understood by the veteran.

### ***About the cover***

SDVS personnel have all completed the Training, Responsibilities, Involvement, and Preparation of Claims Training (TRIP) program that is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Outstanding support for this program has been provided by Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and The American Legion.

The goal of the TRIP program is to enhance service to Georgia's veterans by combining resources and focusing on shared concerns. To achieve this objective, Veteran Service Officers who are TRIP trained are allowed expanded access to VA's computer systems, up to the point the claim is adjudicated. This training enables our department to bring the VA Regional Office to small towns throughout Georgia. From our field locations the veteran is able to obtain the same information available from the VA Regional office in Atlanta.

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service is the agency of state government that was established for the purpose of advising, counseling, and assisting Georgia's veterans and their families in receiving their rightful benefits under the vast, frequently changing, and complex framework of veterans' laws.

"We exist to serve those who have served," says Commissioner Wheeler. "Our job is to explain in detail federal and state benefits and, if entitled, assist veterans and their dependents in obtaining them," Commissioner Wheeler points out. "We have 47 field offices located throughout the state and a claims division whose mission is to do just that - assist and advise ALL veterans, their dependents, and survivors."

Veterans and their dependents can receive personal assistance in filing for VA benefits and other entitlements at any of the 47 field offices. The department's claims staff, located in the VA Regional Office Building in Decatur, monitors VA claims filed and, when needed, assist with the preparation and presentation of appeals.

Commissioner Wheeler further explains the necessity for personal assistance in pursuing, filing, and tracking claims results from the legal principle that veteran's benefits are not awarded automatically—all must be applied for.

"The VA pays a veteran exactly what he or she is

entitled to by the law, and no more," Commissioner Wheeler points out. "Our ultimate goal is to ensure that a Georgia veteran or his or her dependents receive any and all benefits to which they are entitled."

The field offices staff can also assist in certifying a veteran's eligibility for the many benefits provided by the state (for example drivers licenses, special motor vehicle license plates, honorary hunting and fishing licenses, discounts at Department of Natural Resources facilities, Certificates of Exemption from payment of certain fees and taxation).

Commissioner Wheeler encourages all Georgia veterans to visit the department's field office nearest to where they live for information concerning the possibility of being eligible for a federal or state benefit and on how to go about filing a claim for benefits.

Contact information of the nearest field office can be found in the local phone book in the state government section under Department of Veterans Service or through the department's website site at [www.sdvs.georgia.gov](http://www.sdvs.georgia.gov). All offices are opened from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; except on approved state recognized holidays.



# Commissioner's Message

We are extremely proud of the Georgians who have honorably served our country over the centuries. It is now our honor to serve you.

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service is an agency of state government created for the purpose of advising, counseling, and assisting Georgia's veterans and their families in receiving their rightful benefits under the vast and complex framework of veterans' laws. No veterans' benefits are granted automatically – you must apply for them! We exist to help you do exactly that.

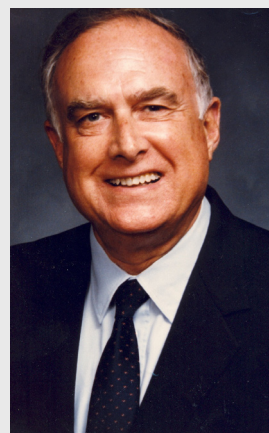
Upon discharge from active military service, you may have been counseled and perhaps you received information pertaining to some of the benefits to which you may be entitled under the law. Our job is to explain in detail these benefits and, if entitled, assist you free of charge in obtaining them.

Service is in our name and service is our work. To insure that Georgia's veterans have access to our services, all 159 counties are served by one of our 47 field offices. This is your initial point of contact and we urge you to contact the Veterans Service Office nearest you. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Providing quality and effective service to Georgia veterans and their dependents is and always will be our number one mission. In doing so, we pledge to stay current and adjust quickly and carefully to new laws, be diligent in their application, and continually improve our efficiency in service to veterans and their families.

Only by doing so, can we echo the words of one of our famous wartime presidents, Abraham Lincoln, who over a century ago, called upon the Nation "to care for him who have borne the battle and for his widow and orphan . . ."

Thank you for your personal sacrifice in military service to our country. We look forward to serving you.



## State Veterans Service Board Elects New Leadership

Georgia's seven-member State Veterans Service Board recently elected new officers for 2007-08.

Vietnam veteran James Blaylock, a long time Decatur resident and Dekalb County veterans advocate, was voted in as the new board chairman. He has served on the State Veterans Service Board since 2002.

Blaylock, a native of Albany and Dougherty County, has been active in local veterans' issues since making Decatur home in 1978. He was a founding board member of the Georgia Veterans Leadership Program and the Dekalb County Veterans Affairs Task Force.

A past National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (1996-97), Blaylock is also a member of the National Memorial Day Association of Georgia and is vice-president of the Georgia Veterans Day Parade Association of Atlanta.

Blaylock, a United States Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam, has worked for the

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U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs since 1972. He is currently the Prosthetics Service Line Manager for all Veteran Health Administration medical facilities in Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina.

Pat Phillips, long time veteran advocate and resident of Blairsville, was selected vice



*In April, members of the State Veterans Service Board gathered with Governor Sonny Perdue and Commissioner Wheeler for a swearing in ceremony at the State Capitol Building for two of its members. Members of the 2007-08 SVSB include (from left to right) James Blaylock of Decatur, newly appointed member Rodney Casey of Valdosta, recently reappointed member Ray Hendrix of Statesboro, Fred Fincher of LaGrange (between the Governor and the Commissioner), Kenneth Birdsong of Gordon, and Pat Phillips of Blairsville. Barbara Jean Aaron of Warner Robins was unable to attend.*

chairman. He has served on the State Veterans Service Board since April 2004.

Phillips served 20 plus years in Army combat arms units with three tours in Vietnam. He retired in 1975 at the rank of Sergeant First Class. After the military, Phillips worked for the Georgia Department of Veterans Service. He worked as a Claims Counselor, Office Manager, and from 1985-99, an Area Supervisor over 16 field offices in North Georgia region.

Phillips, a life member of Post 112 in Dalton since 1976, is an active member in The American Legion. Since 1978, he has served as a member of the American Legion's National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission.

Phillips, past state commander of The American Legion - Department of Georgia, has been the state chairman of the Legion's Rehabilitation Committee since 1998. Besides serving as state vice commander on three different occasions, he has been twice elected

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*Attention Veterans!*

# Beware of Unauthorized Representation and Unlawful Solicitation

*USDVA Fast Letter 06-29 (216C)  
January 3, 2007*

**T**here have been reports about individuals employed by private companies who claim to help veterans and their dependents apply for VA benefits, targeting elderly claimants at assisted living facilities. They give claimants the impression that they are employed by the VA.

## Background

Some regional offices have received inquiries or complaints about individuals that were paid by assisted living facilities to “represent” veterans and other claimants with their VA benefits. These individuals lead claimants and families to believe they have special knowledge of VA laws and can maximize claimants’ entitlement to VA benefits. Although these individuals work for private companies, they may have job titles that suggest a government connection, e.g. Veterans Benefits Analyst.

## Representation

Representation before VA consists of actions associated with the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims for a VA claimant. A claimant is a person who has filed or has expressed an intention to file a written application for benefits.

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Among other things, representation may include counseling on veterans benefits gathering information necessary to file a claim for benefits, preparing claim forms submitting claim information to VA, and communicating with VA on claimant’s behalf.

Organizations and individuals that represent claimants for VA benefits are subject to specific statutory and regulatory requirements. Section 5901 of title 38, United States Code, provides, “no individual may act as an agent or attorney in the preparation, presentation, or prosecution of any claim under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs unless such individual has been recognized for such purposes by the Secretary.” While VA can authorize an individual to prepare a benefit claim for a veteran on a one-time basis, this authorization cannot be used a second time without the approval of the VA’s General Counsel.

## Recognized Representatives

VA currently recognizes 87 veterans service organizations consisting of 37 national organizations and 50 state and regional organizations for purposes of representing veterans before the Department.

All these organizations provide representation at no cost to the

veteran, and by law may not charge any other person for representation before the Department.

You can verify the recognition of organization and accreditation of individuals on the General Counsel’s web page. Go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov). Click on Organizations at the top of the page. Under Staff Organizations, click on *General Counsel*, when that page opens, click on *Recognized Veterans Service Organizations* on the left side and click on *Current Bulletin 23-S*. This will give you the list of recognized organization who are accredited through each organization, click on *Current Bulletin 2-151*. The Office of General Counsel maintains these bulletins and updates them periodically.

Unauthorized representation of claimants and unlawful solicitation of fees is a serious matter. VA is interested in any individual or group that may be engaged in these activities. You should contact your local VA Office with information regarding anyone who may be violating the law by charging fees.



## Fraudulent Claims May Be Costly

When submitting claims to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, honesty is always the best policy. This is a true account of a veteran who submitted a claim and falsely claimed to be a wounded Vietnam combat Veteran.

The veteran claimed he was wounded in combat in Vietnam, between 1968-1969, and that he suffered from post traumatic stress. Based on those claims, he collected monetary benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and also from the Social Security Administration.

According to his court indictment, his claims were not true. As a result of his fraudulent claim, the veteran and his spouse were sentenced to serve 37 months in federal prison and pay restitution of \$304,772.00 for the money received through fraud.

## Federal Task Force Launches Web Site *Secretary invites feedback on services*

*VA News Release, March 2007*

**S**ecretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson, head of the new inter-agency task force examining the processes for combat veterans seeking services and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other federal agencies, announced the creation of a dedicated Web page to solicit input on the ease of accessing federal services.

"As the task force moves forward in studying how we can enhance services and cut red tape, we believe it's important to provide veterans, their family members and others with the opportunity to share their ideas and experiences," said Nicholson.

People can email their comments to the task force at [TFHeroes@va.gov](mailto:TFHeroes@va.gov) or fax comments to 202-273-9599. Task Force information and mailing address can be obtained on the VA home page, [www.va.gov/taskforce](http://www.va.gov/taskforce).

The Web page allows active duty service members, veterans, family members and *Georgia Veterans...guardians of liberty*

others to comment directly to the task force on the accessibility, timeliness and delivery of services. Comments will be studied by the task force, used in the panel's evaluation of gaps in service and form the basis of recommended solutions.

Called the "Task Force on Returning Global War on Terror Heroes," other agencies include Defense, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, and Education, plus the administrator of the Small Business Administration and the director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Under the terms of the executive order creating the task force, the group must identify and examine existing federal services for returning Global War on Terror service members; identify gaps in such services; seek recommendations from federal agencies on ways to fill those gaps and ensure that appropriate federal agencies are communicating and cooperating effectively.

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district commander over Legion's posts in the North Georgia area.

Ray Hendrix, a retired Army Sergeant Major and resident of Statesboro, was named board secretary. He was appointed to the Veterans Service Board in September 2001, served as board chairman during 2005-06, and was recently reappointed to the Board for another seven year term by Governor Sonny Perdue.

Hendrix, retired from the Army in 1992 after serving 42 years in uniform, is an active member in The American Legion at the local, state, and national levels. He currently serves as Georgia's National Executive Committeeman and as a member of The Legion's National Legislative Commission.

Over the years, Hendrix, a past state commander, also served on The Legion's National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Military Affairs, and Americanism Commissions.

Hendrix is a retired Bulloch County Magistrate Court Constable and currently a member of the Statesboro's American Legion Post 90, Scottish Rite Temple, and Shriners Club.

Serving as members of the State Veterans Service Board for 2007-08 with Blaylock, Phillips, and Hendrix are Barbara Jean Aaron of Warner Robins, Kenneth Birdsong of Gordon, Rodney Casey of Valdosta, and Fred T. Fincher, Sr. of LaGrange.

The seven-member, Governor appointed, constitutional Board of Veterans Service recommends policy, procedure and work projects and through the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Veterans Service controls overall veteran's policy for the state.





*Memorial Day 2007 . . .  
A Day for Remembering Their Ultimate Sacrifice*



*The Symbol of Our Freedom and Liberties . . .*

*For This We Served and Defended . . . For This We are Thankful!*

*Flag Day 2007*



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In February during their annual winter conference held in Washington, D.C., the National Association of State Directors for Veterans Affairs honored Commissioner Wheeler as one of the first recipients of NASDVA's Iron Mike Award. The "Iron Mike" award (see insert) is a replica of the famous "Airborne Trooper" statue located at the traffic circle between the Fort Bragg Officers Club and the Post Headquarters just outside of Fayetteville, NC. The term "Iron Mike" is a unique American slang used to refer to men and women who are especially tough, brave and inspiring leaders. At the special luncheon that recognized the Commissioner, current NASDVA President John Garcia of New Mexico pointed out, "Without the professionalism and initiative of Commissioner Pete Wheeler, there would be no National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs. No one person has contributed more to the success and continuity of the NASDVA, to include being a mentor to members past and present, than our senior member and past president, Pete Wheeler." VA Secretary John Nicholson was also a recipient of the association's first annual "Iron Mike." Among others honored by the NASDVA's annual recognition, formerly called the "Veterans Advocate of the Year", have been former U. S. Congressman, the late Sonny Montgomery, former Presidential Cabinet member for Health Services Tommy Thompson, former VA Deputy Secretary Hershel Gober and the VA Secretary from 2001 to 2005, Anthony Principi.

The "Airborne Trooper" for which the "Iron Mike" depicts, was sculptured during the summer of 1960 to honor "the courage, dedication, and traditions of the world's finest fighting man, the Army Paratrooper." The life-size monument was designed to represent the airborne soldier's call to action, strength, virility, power, and reverence. Sergeant Major Mike Runyon modeled for the statue.

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During "National Guard Day in Georgia" ceremonies at the State Capitol Building in March, Commissioner Wheeler was presented the National Guard Association of the United States' Patrick Henry Award for his "lifetime of service to, and continuing support of, veterans, the Armed Forces of the United States (active and reserves), and the National Guard." Making the presentation on behalf of NGAUS was Georgia's Adjutant General, LTG David Poythress, who nominated the Commissioner for the award. Created in 1989, NGAUS's Patrick Henry award is designed to recognize "the support of an individual such that the readiness and the future of the Guard have been positively affected and the results of the support remain beyond the individual's affiliation with the National Guard." Cited by the NGAUS as "exemplifying the qualities of a true Patriot," the Commissioner was credited for holding the most recent "Supermarket of Veterans Benefits" at the local Guard Armories; providing department veteran benefits counselors locally on-site to support the 48th Infantry Brigade's return from Operation Iraqi Freedom; leading legislative efforts for vehicle tags that financially benefit the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation; and advocating for the passage of Georgia's H.E.R.O. (Helping Educate Reservist Offspring) bill which provides educational benefits for the children of Guardsmen

and reservists who are called to active duty. Commissioner Wheeler, who served in the Army Infantry between 1942 and 1946, continued his service in the Georgia Army National Guard until July 1978 when he retired with the rank of Brigadier General.



In April, Commissioner Wheeler was the featured speaker at a flag and flag pole dedication ceremony on the grounds of Northview Cemetery in Dublin. Both were donated to the city cemetery in memory of all veterans, police officers, and fire fighters buried there by Adams Funeral Home and American Legion Post 17.



# VA Searching for Last Doughboys of World War I

## Only Four Believed Still Alive

VA News Release, April 4, 2007

With the number of known living American veterans of World War I now standing at four, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking public assistance in determining whether others are still alive.

"These veterans have earned the gratitude and respect of the nation," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson. "We are coming to the end of a generation that helped bring the United States to the center of the international arena."

Nicholson noted that VA usually knows about the identity and location of veterans only after they come to the Department for benefits. None of the four known surviving World War I veterans has been on the VA benefits rolls.

The Secretary asks members of the general public who know of a surviving World War I veteran to contact VA. To qualify as a World War I veteran, someone must have been on active duty between April 6, 1917 and Nov. 11, 1918. VA is also looking for surviving Americans who served in the armed forces of allied nations.

Information about survivors can be e-mailed to [ww1@va.gov](mailto:ww1@va.gov); faxed to 202-273-6702, or mailed to the Office of Public Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs (80), 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420.

About 4.7 million men and women served in the U.S. armed forces during World War I. About 53,000 died in combat, with another 204,000 wounded.

The four known surviving World War I veterans are John Babcock, 102, from Puget Sound, Wash.; Frank Buckles, 106, Charles Town, W. Va.; Russell Coffey, 108, North Baltimore, Ohio; and Harry Landis, 107, Sun City Center, Fla.

Babcock is an American who served in the Canadian Army. The other three survivors were in the U.S. Army.

### VA WEB SITES

Burial and Memorial Benefits ..... [www.cem.va.gov/](http://www.cem.va.gov/)  
 Department of Defense ..... [www.defenselink.mil/](http://www.defenselink.mil/)  
 Education Benefits ..... [www.gibill.va.gov/](http://www.gibill.va.gov/)  
 Federal Jobs ..... [www.usajobs.opm.gov/](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/)  
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 Home Loan Guaranty ..... [www.homeloans.va.gov/](http://www.homeloans.va.gov/)  
 Life Insurance ..... [www.insurance.va.gov/](http://www.insurance.va.gov/)  
 Records ..... [www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/](http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/)  
 Returning Veterans ..... [www.seamlesstransition.va.gov/](http://www.seamlesstransition.va.gov/)  
 Veterans Employment and Training ..... [www.dol.gov/vets/](http://www.dol.gov/vets/)  
 Veterans Preference ..... [www.opm.gov/veterans/index.asp](http://www.opm.gov/veterans/index.asp)  
 Vocational Rehabilitation ..... [www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/index.htm](http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/index.htm)  
 VA Benefits Brochure..... [www.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf](http://www.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf)  
 VA Benefit Payment Rates ..... [www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/](http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/)  
 VA Facilities ..... [www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp](http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp)  
 VA Forms ..... [www.va.gov/vaforms/](http://www.va.gov/vaforms/)

#### Attention Golfers!

The "Play It Again Pete" Charity Golf Tournament  
 Benefiting Atlanta VA Homeless Veterans Program  
 Monday, October 22, 2007, at the  
 Fort McPherson Golf Club  
 Interested?

Contact Jim Randles at (404) 656-2308



Commissioner Wheeler and Morris Graybeal (far left), Director of the Georgia War Veterans Home – Milledgeville, accept a \$1,600 check for GWVH's Patient Benefit Fund from Dr. Ted Ridgeway of Lexington and Eddie Mims (far right) of Athens representing "Thank You for Our Freedom" (an annual veteran appreciation project held in Winterville involving veteran organizations from Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Madison, Oconee, Olgethrope, and Wilkes counties). PBF monies are donations from veteran organizations, civic groups, and businesses used to support GWVH's extracurricular activities and quality of life items.

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### 2007 Veterans Services Organizations Convention Schedule

#### AMVETS

<b>State</b>	June 1st - 3rd	Augusta
<b>National</b>	August 3rd- 11th	Greensboro, NC

#### DAV

<b>State</b>	May 31st – June 3rd	Macon
<b>National</b>	August 3rd – 14th	New Orleans, LA

#### AMERICAN LEGION

<b>State</b>	June 22nd – 24th	Dalton
<b>National</b>	August 24th – 30th	Reno, NV

#### VFW

<b>State</b>	June 21st – 24th	Norcross
<b>National</b>	August 18th - 23rd	Kansas City, KS

#### MOPH

<b>State</b>	June 1st - 2nd	Savannah
<b>National</b>	August 7th – 11th	Ellenville, NY

*April 27, 2007 @ GVMC, Milledgeville*

# Georgia Celebrates National Arbor Day



*Russell Feagin  
Asst. Cemetery Director  
Provided the Invocation*



*Ernie Simons  
Cemetery Director  
Master of Ceremonies*



*NG Youth Challenge Academy  
Posted Colors for Pledge, Anthem and Taps*



*Robert Farris, Interim Director  
Georgia Forestry Commission  
Provided Welcoming Remarks*



*Commissioner Wheeler spoke about our veterans' service and  
sacrifice to country.*



*Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
Delivered Keynote Address*



*Jonna Wilson  
Miss Georgia Forestry read the  
Governor's Proclamation*



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*The ceremonial planting of a Serviceberry Tree in honor  
of Georgia's veterans*



# How We Assist You!

- Effectuate and carry out the laws of the state pertaining to veterans.
- Inform veterans, their dependents, and survivors as to their rights and benefits under federal and state legislation, or local ordinances.
- Assist veterans, their dependents, and their beneficiaries in the preparation, presentation, proof, and establishment of such claims, privileges, rights and other benefits accruing to them under federal, state, and local laws.
- Report any evidence of incompetence, dishonesty, or negligence on the part of any employee dealing with veterans' affairs to the proper authority.
- To do and perform all things for the promotion of and in the interest and for the protection of the veterans of Georgia as to their rights under all federal and state laws.
- Apply for and accept gifts, grants, and other contributions from the federal government or from any other governmental units.
- Accept and use gifts, grants, donations, and contributions of real estate, both vacant and improved facilities, monies, services or other property from individuals, arms, corporations, organizations, and associations and from county and municipal corporations and their subdivisions, in addition to any funds appropriated by the state.
- Construct and operate hospitals, nursing homes, and personal care homes for the benefit of eligible war veterans.
- Advise the Governor, the Board of Veterans Service, and the General Assembly as to needed veterans' legislation.
- Maintain files on all veterans who have filed claims for veterans' benefit through the department.
- Conduct educational programs by personal appearances before veterans' organizations, service clubs, fraternal groups and other such organizations so as to acquaint the public generally with the work of the department.
- Make representatives of the department available in any regions, locations, and areas of the state to assist all veterans, their dependents, and survivors in preparing and filing claims for benefits and to acquaint them with all legal rights and privileges.
- Cooperate with all national, state, and local governmental and private agencies, securing or offering services or any benefits to veterans and their dependents.
- Assist and cooperate with all veterans' organizations in their work.
- As State Approving Authority, enter into contracts with the federal government for the qualifications, approval, certification, and supervision of educational institutions and training establishments applying for or participating in federal programs for educating and training veterans.
- Assist other states in securing evidence for claims.
- Promote enlargement and improvement of VA hospital facilities in the state.
- Sponsor observance of Veterans Day in the state.
- Certify eligibility for veterans' drivers licenses and honorary drivers' license.
- Certify eligibility for disabled veterans' discount at Department of Natural Resources facilities.
- Issue Certificates of Exemption from payment of business license tax to qualified veterans.
- Assist qualified veterans in obtaining honorary hunting and fishing licenses.
- Assist in obtaining special motor vehicle license plates for certain veterans: Medal of Honor and Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners-of-war, handicapped and disabled veterans.
- Furnish the Governor, members of the General Assembly, State Board of Veterans Service, veterans' organizations, and the general public and annual report on the activities and accomplishments of the department.

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## THE AGENDA

### Tuesday, October 9, 2007

1:30 p.m. Registration

### Wednesday, October 10, 2007

9:00 a.m. Compensation-Pension-Education Benefits Panel  
1:30 p.m. Employment-Reemployment-Civil Service Preference Panel  
3:00 p.m. Military Retirements Benefits-National Cemetery System-Social Security TRICARE Benefits Panel

### Thursday, October 11, 2007

9:00 p.m. Hospital-Medical Panel  
1:30 p.m. Loans Benefits Panel  
3:00 p.m. Insurance Panel

### Friday, October 12, 2007

9:00 a.m. Legal-Appeals Panel  
12:00 p.m. Adjourn

\*\*\*Guestroom \$89 (Please make reservations early, rooms may not be available after September 15, 2007.\*\*\*

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